

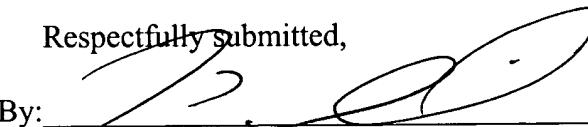
**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-16 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. It is noted that the claim amendments do not narrow the instant claims and are not made for reasons related to patentability. Indeed, the changes to the claims are made merely to place them in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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